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Stay tuned for more detail on these and other news items.

Visit the SARL Web site or call the SARL office which is open on weekdays from 09:00 to 13:00 at 011 675 2393 for details on how to join, book sales and all related amateur radio activities.

SARL NEWS invites clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to amateurs on the web site of the SARL, which is www.sarl.org.za/newsinbox.asp not later than the Thursday preceding the bulletin date. It would be appreciated if you could do it in both Afrikaans and English.

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The news follows in detail:

WORLD'S BROADCASTERS JOIN ANTI-BPL CHORUS

A subcommittee of an International Telecommunication Union (ITU) panel of technical experts responsible for terrestrial broadcasting issues has joined a growing chorus of concern about the interference potential of power line telecommunication. A Sub Working Group expressed the view that interference produced by systems employing PLT as well as by Industrial, Scientific and Medical (ISM) equipment and short-range devices, would compromise broadcast reception.

The SWG is of the opinion that any increase in the amount of noise due to these systems is unacceptable. In particular, broadcast services should be protected from unwanted emissions from PLT systems, as these emissions are a byproduct of a system that is not itself a user of the radio spectrum. The panel recommended the formation of a group representing all users of the radio spectrum

to coordinate development of limits to be imposed on the radiation from these systems.

ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, expressed strong support and appreciation for the SWG's conclusions and the ongoing efforts of parent Working Party to study the issue. "If BPL is a problem for broadcasters," Sumner said, "it's easy to see that it would be a disaster for us."

Broadcasters themselves also have exhibited increased concern about the potential of PLT/BPL to prevent their signals from reaching listeners. The BBC for instance conducted a brief trial in Scotland and determined that the two competing PLT/BPL systems in operation in the town of Crieff, NW of Edinburgh, both interfered with HF reception. Tests were conducted at four locations. (News summarized from ARRL news.)

Who speaks on behalf of the radio amateurs in the RSA with ICASA and the Dept. of Communication who must in the end decide on this issue in the RSA? Only the SARL, and the SARL have a mandate from its members only to speak on their behalf. The more members, the louder the SARL can speak. Non members may join at any time and members still have till the end of this month to renew their membership; but why postpone? Do it now!

IARU FUND

In response to the request for contributions to the IARU Fund, Lawry Lauf, ZS5HV, and the Highway ARC have made a joint donation of R500,00 towards this fund. The donation is highly appreciated and the SARL President, Graham Hartlett, ZS6GJH, has expressed his thanks for this support to amateur radio.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS 2003 SARL HF CW CONTEST

The provisional results of the 2003 SARL HF CW Contest have been released. The contest committee received a total of 15 logs and the complete results have been sent out in a special HF Newsletter.

The winner of the 2003 HF CW Contest is Bernie van der Walt, ZS4TX, of the Bloemfontein RAC with 200 points, in the second place is Allan Smith, ZS1AAX, of the Cape Town ARC with 170 points and jointly in third place is Hans Kappetijn, ZS6KR, and Ed Willers, ZS6UT, of the Pretoria ARC with 162 points.

The highest score on a single band is 78 points on the 40-metre band and both Donovan, ZS2DL, and Bernie, ZS4TX, achieved this. In the club competition Pretoria ARC takes top honours with 468 points closely followed by the Cape Town ARC with 458 points and third was Bloemfontein RAC with 252 points.

Well done and congratulations to everybody.

GOOD LUCK TO HANS ZS6KR

On behalf of all the members of the SARL, SARLNews would like to wish Hans Kappetijn, ZS6KR ,the best of luck for his participation in STAMPEX

2003 to be held over the period 23 to 26 October at Melrose Arch. Hans will be exhibiting 5 frames of South African Airmails 1911 - 1940 at the National Stamp Exhibition.

46th WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR (JOTA) {18th - 19th October 2003}

Please note this date!!! For more information about this international scouting event please consult the websites www.scout.org/jota and www.scout.org/joti. You will probably be able to download last year's JOTA World Report as well!

If any guide/scout/brownie/cub can enlist the aid of a radio amateur for that week-end then there's nothing stopping them from taking part! These "11th hour" arrangements are "allowable" in scouting if the girls and boys are prepared to make the effort.

Registration as an Educational Station is required when the girls and boys want to talk on the air and/or send messages using morse code on any ham band.

Also note that JOTA can be arranged as a patrol/six, troop/company, group, district or Area event provided that a correctly licenced ham is in attendance. Also any ham can take part on his own as long as he is helping some guide or scout station.

7th WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE-ON-THE-INTERNET (JOTI) {18th - 19th October 2003}

This event takes place on the same week end as JOTA and any girl or boy who is a member of the guiding or scouting movements and has a computer and access to the Internet, may take part. They may also communicate with any of over half a million other Guides and Scouts all over the World. Youngsters of all nations, regardless of their culture, religion, or race may freely exchange views and share ideas.

At a JOTI station no ham is required as long as the person operating the computer has some scouting connection or someone next to him must be a member of a guide or scout group.

The Participation Cards which are usually given to guides and scouts communicating on the air have only reached Dave ZS6AAW on Thursday 8th October 2003. If you would like some to distribute at your JOTA/JOTI event please contact Dave ZS6AAW as soon as possible. These cards may even be given out after the event.

Remember please send in details of these events, no matter how brief, to Dave Gemmell ZS6AAW, BEFORE 2003:11:30 for inclusion in the SA National JOTA/JOTI Report. Dave's contact details are:- P.O.Box 77, Irene, 0062 or land line 012 - 667 2153 or e-mail davegummell@bmknet.co.za. (News readers please repeat Dave's contact details).

SPECIAL EVENT STATION VI3BVS

To commemorate the 200th anniversary of the first European settlement in Victoria, Australia, WIA Victoria is mounting a special event station Victor India 3 Bravo Victor Sierra which will be on air Sunday the 12th of October.

The station is being mounted by WIA Victoria at Sorrento on the Mornington Peninsula, in Victoria VK3 Australia.

Lieutenant Governor David Collins first landed near Sorrento 200 years ago, and established a camp of 460 people.

The special event station VI3BVS has received official permission to set up at Sullivan Bay, where the first settlers arrived.

Operators will be Ron Cook VK3AFW, Jim Linton VK3PC, and Barry Robinson VK3JBR.

Listen for VI3BVS on Sunday 12th of October on the 40, 20, 15 and 10 metre bands working DX and local contacts as propagation permits.

A commemorative QSL card will be available. QSL via VK3WI or through the bureau.

SPECIAL EVENT STATION GB50RAEN

The RSGB is hosting the RAYNET 50th Anniversary Emergency Communications Convention in Birmingham, UK on Saturday 25 October. This celebrates the formation of RAYNET, the UK's Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Network 50 years ago this Autumn by RSGB. In addition to this, special event station GB50RAEN - Radio Amateur Emergency Network - will be on the air from 20th till the 31st October. In addition to the usual modes it is also hoped to run some SSTV. QSL via RSGB Bureau. Further information from the RSGB's Emercomms webpages - <http://www.rsgb.org/emergency/>. (News from Paul Gaskell, G4MWO).

DATES TO REMEMBER

Special event station VI3BVS on the air today. You may still work it if you are quick! RAE to be held on Thursday night 16 October. JOTA and JOTI next week end 18/19 October. Special event station GB50RAEN 20 to 31 October. The cut off date for membership renewals is 31 October.

This then brings us to the end of today's bulletin, which was compiled by George, ZS6NE, and read byfrom..... as a service to radio amateurs, short wave listeners and electronic enthusiasts.

The SARL invites you to listen to Amateur Radio Mirror International on 17 815, 9 750, and 7 082 kHz and 145,625 MHz in East London, 145,650 in Durban 145,750 MHz in Pretoria and 438,800 in the Sandton area. A repeat broadcast can be heard on Mondays at 21:00 CAT on 3 215 kHz.

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You have been listening to ZS6SRL, thank you for joining us. Also many thanks to those persons who supply news for our bulletins and the amateurs who relay the bulletins so regularly.

Goodbye everyone.

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